

## THE YELLOW MILL BRIDGE A FARCE CORNER TO MAKE INQUIRY ON ALLEGED VACCINATION DEATHS

### All Preparations Being Made For Great Conclave

Reconciliation Between Italian Government And Vatican Continues To Be Chief Point At Issue, With Much Forecasting As To Pope's Successor.

Rome, Jan. 28.—(By the A. P.)—The question of closer relations between the Vatican and the quinquennial assumed another aspect yesterday when it became known that several Italian members of the Italian parliament were considering the possibility of Premier Bonomi upon the advisability of the Italian government of the day recognizing the Pope. This attitude of the Italian government of the church toward a rapprochement, as has been stated in preceding dispatches, has been defined in its choice of a successor to the late Pope Benedict.

The Italian government became interested in the question when it learned that President Denicola of the chamber, in accordance with the government's policy, intended to pronounce a eulogy for the late pontiff when the chamber reconvenes on Feb. 2, which is also the date on which the secret college will convene to choose the new Pope.

Semi-official newspapers yesterday published the statement that Signor Denicola and President Bonomi, who are the tribunes of their respective houses, the death of Benedict and pronounced a eulogy for the late pontiff, following the death of foreign potentates. Immediately, several demands for interpellations were placed upon Signor Denicola, who is the tribune of the chamber, and he is expected to answer them.

Extraordinary importance is attached in diplomatic quarters here to the question of the Italian government's attitude toward the death of Pope Benedict.

Cardinal Mercier, ILL.  
Paris, Jan. 28.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, has stopped at Milan on his way to Rome to attend the conclave of the Holy See and is said to be suffering from an attack of influenza, says a Havas despatch from Rome today.

### Yellow Mill Bridge Pile Supports Settle; Thousands May Be Required for Repairs

Yellow Mill bridge, Stratford avenue, again in a dangerous condition because of the settling of pile supports. Unless immediate repairs are made, the structure may be rendered totally unsafe and unfit. Supports under the eastern pier have settled two inches into the river, leaving the corner of the bridge in a dangerous position. Reports on the need of repairs, that would have eliminated the present trouble, were made to the past administration more than two years ago, but nothing was ever done. While estimates of the actual cost of the repairs have not been obtained, to place the bridge in a safe condition will mean the expenditure of several thousand dollars.

City Engineer James A. McElroy, after an examination, stated that repairs would be made as soon as possible, and would start next week. He found that supports under the western end of the east pier, upon which rests the draw span, have settled fully two inches into the river. This end of the bridge is absolutely unsafe in the way of support, and is being retained in position entirely by the heavy chain cables which support the bridge to force the unsupported end out of position, which would practically render it useless for either vehicular or marine traffic.

### Trying To Keep U. S. From Genoa Without Offense

Harding And His Advisers Do Not Want To Offend Italian Government Or Britain Chief Sponsors Of Economic Conference.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Harding and his advisers are seeking a way to get "from under" the proposed Genoa economic conference without offending either the Italian government, which issued the invitation, or the British government, the parley's principal sponsor.

This was the explanation put forward today in semi-official quarters for the administration's unusual delay in answering the invitation to the Genoa meeting.

Pressure both for and against the United States taking part in the Genoa meeting is being exerted at the White House. Daily dozens of letters are being received advocating acceptance and rejection of the invitation.

Officially declared today it was uncertain when a reply would be sent to Rome, but certainly not until the question of Colonel Harvey to Paris. French circles in Washington are hostile to the Genoa meeting.

It is expected that Colonel Harvey will make a full report to President Harding on this aspect of the meeting after his conversations with Premier Poincare.

Meanwhile events shaped steadily today toward the end of the Washington Conference. In some quarters the belief was that the conference might be able to wind up its work by the end of next week, but it was stated it probably will take longer than a week.

President Harding's personal intervention into action today. A drafting committee of Chinese and Japanese met to begin the work of drafting the Shantung treaty. Formal announcement of the settlement of the Shantung question is expected on Monday.

Activities of the conference were suspended today while the various odds and ends were being shaped up toward a plenary session next week.

Slipping on the ice near her home, Peggy Coughlin, daughter of Calhoun Postmaster Coughlin, fell and lacerated her forehead above her right eye so badly that Dr. F. D. Walsh was called to take two stitches in it, in order to close the wound.

Mr. Coughlin informed City Engineer McElroy, and the two examined the structure today.

The Yellow Mill bridge has been a source of great worry and expense to the city for many years past. It was constructed in 1897, and is valued at approximately \$150,000.

In view of the government's disapproval of the bridge, which was caused by a failure of the city to keep the bridge in accordance with the specifications approved by the U. S. Engineering Corps, it is doubtful if a permit will be given for the work now being done.

City Engineer McElroy expressed the hope that the bridge may be kept open for traffic while the repairs are being made. The bridge is an important link in one of the most important traffic arteries in the city.

### UNVACCINATED IN WATERBURY ATTEND SCHOOL

Waterbury, Jan. 28.—Eighty percent of the pupils of the schools of Waterbury have been successfully vaccinated. The number of those not vaccinated is 2,334. The figures are the result of a census ordered by the health department and made by school nurses. Children not vaccinated have not been excluded from the schools but City Health Officer Dr. T. J. Kilmarin in a statement today said unvaccinated pupils probably would be excluded in the event that smallpox should appear here.

### JUDGE AVERY GRANTS DIVORCES TO FOUR COUPLES

Four divorces were granted yesterday by Judge Christopher L. Avery during the short calendar session of Superior court. Katie Welsberg, this city, received a decree and change of name, upon the grounds of desertion.

Eastock, August 30, 1913, Ansonia, set up a claim of intolerable cruelty. Judge Avery reserved decision in this case.

Mildred H. Barton, married to Sidney V. Barton, Norwalk, Nov. 8, 1917, alleged desertion, four weeks after the ceremony. The wedding occurred in New York. A decree and change of name to Mildred Hutchinson, was granted.

Leon S. Stowe appeared against Loretta F. Stowe, Bridgeport, declaring that his wife deserted him. He was granted a divorce.

Arthur Nicholas, Springfield, of the Stamford district, married Feb. 13, 1912, claims that his wife eloped. He was granted a divorce.

There is still an opportunity for Bridgeport boys to enlist in the Fort Terry division of the Coast Artillery Corps. Applications will be received at the Post Office at 9:30 a.m. next Tuesday and the following Saturday.

Income tax forms 1040 for reporting individual returns for the taxable year of 1921 or 1922 are now available at the local office of the Internal Revenue department.

Joseph Urban of 88 Grosvenor street arrested on a statutory charge had his case continued until Monday, January 30, under \$1,000 bonds in the City Court this morning.

### BIG STORM CUTS CAPITOL FROM WORLD

Washington, Jan. 28.—Washington was cut off from the outside world today so far as transportation was concerned by one of the heaviest snow storms in the history of the capital.

Train service from the south where snowstorms have been reported for two days and from which section the storm came, was wholly suspended. Several trains from the south were reported stalled between Richmond and Washington, with others being held at Richmond.

### Will Sift All Cases to Find Cause of Death

Medical Examiner Garlick And Coroner Phelan Will Make Thorough Investigation—To Be Conducted Like Any Inquest.

Such haste was followed in the removal and embalming of the body of Mrs. J. W. Bloesch, 45, of 1891 Goddard street, who died at Bridgeport hospital, that intentions of Medical Examiner Dr. S. M. Garlick, and Coroner John J. Phelan, have been thwarted in this particular case. She died Thursday at the hospital, but due to the fact that her body has been handled in the usual way by the undertakers, Dr. Garlick is in extreme doubt as to the advisability or practicability of conducting an autopsy to discover if vaccination, said to have been performed approximately a month before death, in any way was to blame for her demise.

Coroner Phelan and Dr. Garlick intend to sift every case to the bottom where there is an element of doubt in the minds of the immediate family, the authorities, or the anti-vaccinationists. The cause of the death of Mrs. Bloesch was officially given out as septic sore throat. A third case, pointed to with suspicion by those opposed to the vaccination, the death of Carl H. Brandt, 32, of 42 Bell street, may not be subject to an investigation as the man has already been buried. The cause of his death is said to have been a case of lobular pneumonia, with other complications.

Dr. J. W. Gerber stated this morning that as far as he knew the man was never vaccinated.

Not having satisfied several doctors opposed to vaccination as the means of preventing a spread of the smallpox epidemic by the performance of an autopsy upon the body of little six-year-old Mary Jacqueline Casey, the coroner has decided to have the autopsy performed by the medical examiner.

However, those who are waging the war against vaccination maintain that the death of Mrs. Bloesch was directly the result of the vaccination, and the appendix be examined by a pathological expert, to determine if they are the same, or have the same cause.

It is anticipated that the work of analysis with other attendant delay will continue until the end of the time an open investigation will be held by Coroner Phelan, conducted along the same lines as any inquest.

### HERALD EDITOR HAS PNEUMONIA

Richard Howell, editor of the Sunday Herald, and boxing commissioner, is very ill at his apartment in New York. He has double pneumonia. This morning Mr. Howell's temperature was reported at 103. Mr. Howell was stricken with the heavy cold the week which the veteran editor and sportsman took forth valiant efforts to fight off by sticking to his duties.

Following re-establishment of friendly relations with Germany and Austria, announcement was made yesterday at the Naturalization court that passports are again being issued to those countries.

John Mikita, arrested by the members of the Vice squad for violation of the State Liquor laws received a fine of \$200 and costs along with a suspended jail sentence of ten days in the City Court this morning and was told to discontinue his bar.

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Railroad officials were attempting to get a train, comprising day coaches only, out before noon for Baltimore and possibly to Philadelphia and other points north. Trains from the south were reported held up on yards.

### Mrs. Hammerstein to Lose "Opera-House" Flat.



### Made Attempt To Derail Shore Line Limited

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—An alleged attempt to derail the San Francisco Los Angeles Shore Line Limited train of the Southern Pacific railroad, and pile it into a ravine at Glendale, a suburb, was frustrated last night when Los Angeles police shot and seriously wounded Walter E. Lambertson, a railroad switchman.

It is the contention of the police that Lambertson nailed a derailer to the track in an attempt to wreck the train and secure a sum of money estimated at from \$70,000 to \$150,000 which was abandoned.

Lambertson is said by police to be wanted in Seattle, Wash., on charges of murder and by the government authorities there on charges of criminal syndicalism.

### FIVE CENT FARE WILL CONTINUE

Indicating that forecasts in the Times some weeks ago were correct, in that the Bridgeport and New Haven divisions would also come under the new trolley fare ruling, effective March 1, announcement was made yesterday that the fare will be between the expiration of the 90 day test of the "five cent fare" would continue.

In March first the entire system of the Connecticut company will enter into another fare arrangement, whereby old established fare limit and transfer privileges will prevail, with a fare of ten cents cash, or three tickets, or tokens, for a quarter. This means that those who are fond of the city, that they can at present really have a five cent ride, but that pleasure prolonged until March 1.

The Connecticut company and Henry J. Hurlock, Stratford, are named defendants in a suit filed in Superior court yesterday by the American Bank & Trust Company, administrators of the estate of Chester J. Benedict.

Benedict, a bicyclist, was killed shortly past noon on September 19, at a turn of road and Helen street, when he was struck by a trolley car.

A bill passed, meant to protect automobile owners against unscrupulous repair men, was the subject of an attack yesterday by the American Bank & Trust Company, administrators of the estate of Chester J. Benedict.

Morris Schwartz of 68 Maplewood avenue, held on the order of the court to the court this morning that he was on his way to get his markers when arrested and his case was nolle prosequi on the condition that he get the new markers.

### Could Not Find One Veteran Who Was Satisfied

Fearing They Would Lose Their Rehabilitation, If They Quit The School, Judge Marx Declares Many Boys, Disabled By War Remain In Training.

Washington, Jan. 28.—That vocational training at Camp Sherman, Ohio, is "a farce and a fraud" is the statement made by Judge Robert S. Marx, National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, in a report presented today to Representative Madden, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations. The report is the result of a personal visit made by Judge Marx to the camp.

"The school rooms have been made over in a makeshift fashion," says Mr. Marx in the report. "In the electrical school which has an enrollment of 80 there were only 37 men actually present and of this number only two were doing anything." The equipment he said was such as could be picked up around any abandoned camp. Students told him, that the reason they were not working was that equipment had not come.

Army advances taught me that when advance notice is given of an intended inspection, everything is prepared for the inspector in advance and therefore he does not see things as they really are. I believe that we saw the school exactly as it really is, and this report tells in detail what we saw.

We first visited the school rooms, which are located in the old warehouses formerly used by the quartermaster corps of Camp Sherman. Windows have been cut in these warehouses and they have generally been made over in a makeshift fashion for schools and classroom purposes.

Sign Painting School.  
We next went to the sign-painting school. When we entered this school we found that the school had been in session about one-half to three-quarters of an hour. We found the men sitting in comfortable arm chairs in a circle around the central stove in the classroom. They made no attempt to get up on our entrance and only two were sick and were drawing or painting.

The Plumbing School.  
We found this to be a big room completely empty with the exception of the instructor, Mr. Grant. We asked the instructor how many men were enrolled and he said fourteen, but that seven were sick and the others were scattered around the camp doing odd jobs. Not a single student was present.

Baking School.  
The baking school is located in the old army bakery. When we came in there we found only one student, an army sergeant. We asked the sergeant how many students he had under him being trained to be bakers. He replied, "Four." We asked where they were and he said: "They report for work at 4:30 a. m. and their work is through at 7:30 a. m." We (Continued on Page Eight.)

### New York Detectives Operate In Theatres

New York, Jan. 28.—Detectives of the New York police department today were detailed to duty at all theatres and resorts in the city, where bandits operated successfully last night, and others were ordered to round up men recently released from prison.

Seven armed bandits in three separate exploits, yesterday, and last night, wounded two men and escaped with about \$7,000 in loot. One of the victims, a Philadelphia negro, is near death in St. Vincent's hospital. Abraham Morrison, President of the Morrison Fountain Pen Company and an assistant were bound and gagged by three bandits in their office in the Galetti theatre building, Broadway and 47th street, and robbed of \$500 in cash and several gross of valuable pens.

This was the second bandit operation in the theatrical zone in two days, an unsuccessful attempt having been made on Thursday to rob the cashier of the Johnson Theatre in Seventh Avenue.

Two bandits last night held up a Philadelphia bounder in the theatre, alks valued at \$30,000, shot and wounded John Overton, negro chauffeur and August Koepf, guard, and fled when a crowd gathered.

Boy 18, Drunk;  
Kills His Father  
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 28.—Charles Koehler, Jr., 18, who, while under the influence of liquor, shortly before midnight, shot and instantly killed his father, Charles Koehler, Sr., 45 years old, millionaire sportsman, coal and ice dealer, garage owner and real estate operator was arrested early today. The youth is alleged to have made a complete confession to the police. The elder Koehler was known from coast to coast as the owner of a pretentious stable of race horses.